

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for enabling determination of a prognosis for an external body condition of a subject, the method comprising:
 - receiving at least one representation of the subject's external body condition;
 - maintaining in a database information of how use of at least one beauty product affects evolution of the external body condition;
 - generating at least one prognosis reflecting predicted changes in the external body condition after use of said at least one beauty product, wherein the generating is based on both the received representation and information contained in the database; and
 - outputting the prognosis to enable the subject to receive the prognosis.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one representation defines the external body condition.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one representation comprises at least one image representative of the external body condition.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the prognosis comprises a prognosis image.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the prognosis image comprises a three-dimension prognosis image.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the subject to receive instructions relating to obtaining of the representation.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the instructions comprise instructions relating to capturing of an image with an image capture device chosen from a web cam, a digital camera, and a scanner.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising constructing an image based on the representation, wherein said generating of the prognosis comprises comparing the constructed image to the database information.

9. The method of claim 3, wherein the wherein the database information comprises image morphing information, and wherein said generating of the prognosis comprises morphing the representative image based on the image morphing information.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the representation is received via a network, and wherein the subject is located at a location remote from a location where the database is maintained.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the representation is stored in a data storage device, and wherein said receiving of the representation comprises receiving the data storage device.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the database information comprises a plurality of subsets of information, wherein at least some of the subsets of information relate to differing beauty products.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the outputting further comprises outputting product information to enable the subject to be informed about a beauty product relating to the database information used to generate the prognosis.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the database information comprises a plurality of subsets of information, wherein at least some of the subsets of information relate to differing manners of using a beauty product.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the outputting further comprises outputting usage information to enable the subject to be informed about the manner of beauty product usage relating to the database information used to generate the prognosis.

16. The method of claim 14, wherein the manners of using differ from one another according to at least one of timing of product usage, the length of time while the product is used, frequency of use of the product, the length of time between each use of the product, the manner in which the product is applied, an applicator device used to apply the product, and the manner of using the applicator device.

17. The method of claim 1, wherein the beauty product is chosen from skin products, hair products, and nail products.

18. The method of claim 1, wherein the beauty product comprises a skin product chosen from moisturizers, wrinkle removers, and exfoliates.

19. The method of claim 1, wherein the beauty product comprises a hair product chosen from a conditioner and a shampoo.

20. The method of claim 1, further comprising outputting product purchase information enabling the subject to purchase the beauty product relating to the database information used to generate the prognosis.

21. The method of claim 1, wherein the generating the prognosis comprises comparing the representation with information in the database and selecting a portion of the information in the database based on the comparing.

22. The method of claim 1, wherein the outputting the prognosis comprises transmitting the prognosis via a network.

23. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one beauty product is selected from a plurality of differing beauty products, and wherein the method further comprises receiving a selection of the at least one beauty product.

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising enabling the subject to make the selection of the at least one beauty product from the plurality of beauty products.

25. The method of claim 1, further comprising rendering the prognosis on a three-dimensional mesh image.

26. The method of claim 25, further comprising generating a mathematical model corresponding to a three-dimensional image resulting from the rendering of the prognosis on the three-dimensional mesh image.

27. The method of claim 3, further comprising enabling modification of the representative image based on an input by the subject.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the input by the subject further comprises at least one of the addition and removal of wrinkles from the representative image.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein said at least one of the addition and removal of wrinkles comprises modifying at least one parameter associated with a mathematical model corresponding to the image.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein generating at least one prognosis comprises modifying at least one parameter associated with the mathematical model.

31. A system for enabling determination of prognosis for an external body condition of a subject, the system comprising:

a memory for receiving at least one representation of the subject's external body condition;

a database for storing information on how use of at least one beauty product affects evolution of the external body condition;

a processor for modifying the representation, based on information contained in the database, to generate at least one prognosis reflecting predicted changes in the external body condition after use of said at least one beauty product; and

a driver for outputting the prognosis to enable the subject to receive the prognosis.

32. A system for enabling determination of a prognosis for an external body condition of a subject, the system comprising:

means for receiving at least one representation of the subject's external body condition;

means for maintaining in a database information of how use of at least one beauty product affects evolution of the external body condition;

means for generating at least one prognosis reflecting predicted changes in the external body condition after use of said at least one beauty product, wherein the generating is based on both the representation and information contained in the database; and

means for outputting the prognosis to enable the subject to receive the prognosis.

33. The system of claim 32, further comprising means for enabling the subject to receive instructions relating to obtaining of the representation.

34. The system of claim 33, wherein the instructions comprise instructions relating to capturing of an image with an image capture device chosen from a web cam, a digital camera, and a scanner.

35. The system of claim 32, further comprising means for constructing a representative image, wherein said means for generating the prognosis compares the constructed image to the database information.

36. The system of claim 32, wherein the representation comprises at least one image representative of the external body condition, wherein the database information comprises image morphing information, wherein said means for generating the prognosis comprises means for morphing the representative image based on the image morphing information.

37. The system of claim 32, wherein the means for receiving receives the representation image data via a network.

38. The system of claim 32, wherein the representation is stored in a data storage device, and wherein said means for receiving the representation comprises means for receiving the data storage device.

39. The system of claim 32, wherein the database information comprises a plurality of subsets of information, wherein at least some of the subsets of information relate to differing beauty products.

40. The system of claim 39, wherein the means for outputting further comprises means for outputting product information to enable the subject to be informed about a beauty product relating to the database information used to generate the prognosis.

41. The system of claim 32, wherein the database information comprises a plurality of subsets of information, wherein at least some of the subsets of information relate to differing manners of using a beauty product.

42. The system of claim 41, wherein the means for outputting further comprises means for outputting usage information to enable the subject to be informed about the manner of beauty product usage relating to the database information used to generate the prognosis image.

43. The system of claim 41, wherein the manners of using differ from one another according to at least one of timing of product usage, the length of time while the product is used, the frequency of use of the product, the length of time between each use of the project, the manner in which the product is applied, an applicator device used to apply the product, and the manner of using the applicator device.

44. The system of claim 32, further comprising means for outputting product purchase information enabling the subject to purchase the beauty product relating to the database information used to generate the prognosis.

45. The system of claim 32, wherein the means for generating the prognosis comprises means for comparing the representation with information in the database and selecting a portion of the information in the database based on the comparing.

46. The system of claim 32, wherein the means for outputting the prognosis comprises means for transmitting the prognosis via a network.

47. A system for enabling determination of a prognosis for an external body condition of a subject, the system comprising:

a memory for receiving at least one image representative of the subject's external body condition;

a secondary storage storing a mesh frame representative of at least one part of human anatomy;

a database containing information on how use of at least one beauty product affects evolution of the external body condition;

a processor for rendering the image on the mesh frame and for modifying the image, based on information contained in the database, to generate at least one prognosis image reflecting predicted changes in the external body condition after use of the at least one beauty product; and

a driver for outputting the prognosis image to enable the subject to view the prognosis image.

48. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for a method for enabling determination of a prognosis for an external body condition of a subject, the method comprising:

receiving at least one representation of the subject's external body condition;

maintaining in a database information of how use of at least one beauty product affects evolution of the external body condition;

generating at least one prognosis reflecting predicted changes in the external body condition after use of said at least one beauty product, wherein the generating is based on both the representation and information contained in the database; and

outputting the prognosis to enable the subject to receive the prognosis.

48. A computer-readable medium containing instructions for a method for enabling determination of a prognosis for an external body condition of a subject, the method comprising: